

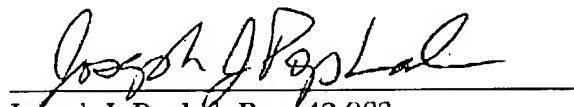
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REMARKS

This is in response to a phone conversation with Examiner Ali on November 9, 2004. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are pending in this application. During the conversation, it was agreed that the addition of "without an external fastener" will differentiate the present claims from reference U.S. Pat. No. 5,269,459 to Thompson et al. Applicant believes that these distinguishing differences are now clearly addressed with the amended wording of the claims.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in this application should now be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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